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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. NIKKEI COMPUTER, "To the Limit of Utilization" discloses a system for improving utilization to near the limit. A statement of relevance is attached to the document.
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-175377 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-024438 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

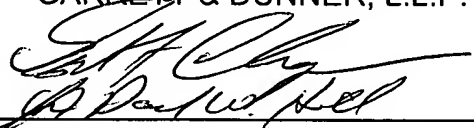
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